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### **BISHOP OUTLINES OPPOSITION TO BROADWATER PROJECT**

*Raises Concerns with Industrializing the Long Island Sound*

**Riverhead**—Congressman Tim Bishop today issued the following statement outlining his opposition to the Broadwater project:

“I made a promise to listen to the representatives of Broadwater Energy and fully consider their proposal. I appreciate the time they have taken to explain this project to our community as well as myself.

“Long Island does need a more reliable energy supply. Our community needs to come together and embrace a comprehensive approach to energy, focusing on the need for cleaner sources, such as renewable energy.

“I have judged this project not by the need to bring more energy to our region, but by whether we should view the Long Island Sound as an industrial park to be exploited, or a natural resource to be protected. I cannot support industrializing the Long Island Sound and therefore I must oppose the Broadwater project.

“I am also concerned by many of the safety issues that have been raised. Although I believe Broadwater is making a good faith effort to ensure security, this is yet another strike against this project.

“Our heritage is tied to the health of our water and our economy is tied to tourism. When we industrialize the Sound, we don’t just lose a piece of real estate, we lose a way of life.”

Bishop, along with several other Members of Congress, previously filed a friend of the court brief, supporting the position that the States and local communities, not the federal government, should have primary jurisdiction over approving Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) platforms. Bishop filed the brief as part of a California court case that could have broad implications for LNG platforms, such as Broadwater.

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